

very busy making carpet for sale. Some fifteen of them met at the home of Brother and Sister Rogers during the meeting to sew rags, to elect officers and transact such business characteristic to the organization. Quite a number of the brethren from Vernon attended our meeting on Sunday. All in all our meeting was a success.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The conference of Virginia and Maryland will meet at New Market, Virginia on the 8th to 11th of June, inclusive. On Tuesday 8th will be ministerial day. Our former notice we find came at the same time of the Pennsylvania conference. Therefore we make this change in dates so that A. D. Gnagev, J. C. Cassel, I. D. Bowman, J. F. Roontz and others can be with us. We extend a cordial invitation to our Pennsylvania Brethren to be with us.

E. B. SHAVER,  
Chairman of Committee.

#### CONEMAUGH, PA.

The Lord is still at work in our midst. On April 22, 1897, two more received Christian Baptism at this place, man and wife. This makes twenty accessions since our revival meeting. The interest is still good. There are others we think will act wisely also and come to Christ. Praise the Lord.

Faternally,  
J. F. KOONTZ.

#### NEVER ALONE.

Our Lord has promised to be always present wherever two or three meet together to pray; but He is also present when they work. One night, when their Master was absent, the disciples went out fishing, but they caught nothing. The next morning, when Jesus came to them and told them to put down a net, they were not able to draw it in for the multitude of fishes. In life we are not alone, and the best companion we can have is Jesus Christ.—*The Colporter*.

#### THE CUP AND THE FOUNTAIN.

A certain man placed a fountain by the wayside and he hung a cup near to it by a little chain. He was told some time after that a great art critic had found much fault with its design. "But," said he, "do many thirsty persons drink at it?" Then they told him that thousands of poor men, women and children slaked their thirst at this fountain; and he smiled and said he was little troubled by the critic's observations, only he hoped that on some sultry summer's day the critic

himself might fill the cup and be refreshed, and praise the name of the Lord. He is my fountain, and here is my cup; find fault if you please; but do drink of the water of life. I only care for this, I had rather bless the soul of the poorest crossing sweeper or rag gatherer than please a prince of the blood, and fail to convert him to God.—*C. H. Spurgeon*.

"When I was a little girl," said Aunt Hannah, "my mother one evening wished to go out into the yard to cover some flowers from the frost. She gave me a lighted candle and told me to hold it by the window so that she could see. I obeyed for a few minutes, but she soon passed out of my sight. I could not see out into the darkness, and deciding that my candle was no longer of any use I put it down and went about my play. Presently my mother came in, limping a little from having struck her foot against a stone.

"My child, why didn't you hold the light?" she asked.

"Why, mother I couldn't see you, and I didn't think it would do any good," I answered, alarmed at the result of my negligence.

"Your not seeing me was of no consequence, but my not seeing your light mattered a great deal, for I stumbled in the darkness and nearly fell," she said. "You should have done as you were told."

"I have often thought of that since in cases where it doesn't seem as if our Christian light-bearing amounted to much. We can't, after all, tell who may be walking more surely because of it, nor how many its little flame may be helping.

"At least our only right course is to hold it as we are commanded, and trust the usefulness of it to him who has given it to our keeping."—*Forward*.

#### GOOD FOR NOTHING.

"Just look at these pennies," said roguish Dan To his sturdy companion Roy,

"My mother gives me a penny a day,  
Whenever I've been a good boy."

"I wouldn't be paid just for being good,"  
Said Roy with a toss of his head,  
"I'd just as soon and a little rather,  
Be good for nothing," he said.

Modesty is generally a quality which accompanies merit; and, on the other hand, nothing is more disgusting than presumption. We cannot like a man who is the swaggering hero of his own story, the hero who believes himself endowed with "dash." On the contrary, a man who makes little effort to show his own merit, who sets that of other people in its true light, who is more silent than shallow, makes a favorable impression upon the understanding of his friends, and acquires their esteem.

#### AT SET OF SUN.

If you sit down at set of sun  
And count the acts that you have done,  
And, counting, find  
One self-denying act, one word  
That eased the heart of him who heard,  
One glance most kind  
That fell like sunshine where it went—  
Then you may count that day well spent  
But if through all the livelong day  
You've cheered no heart by yea or nay;  
If through it all  
You've nothing done that you can trace  
That brought the sunshine to one face;  
No act most small  
That helped some soul, and nothing cost—  
Then count that day as worse than lost.

#### GOOD BOOKS.

Let us have good books in the home. Let us read and discuss them there. Buy good books at the cost of something else. Read them as Coleridge directs, forcing yourself to reflect on what you read. Read with a definite end in view. Let us have our reading make us acquainted with a wide range of subjects, to profit by the conversation of intelligent persons of different callings and various intellectual gifts and acquisitions.—*Rev. J. B. Clark, Congregationalist, Brooklyn, N. Y.*

#### BE A MAN.

A man is less of a man when he fails to be up and doing on one side or the other of a well defined issue, than when he decides to be on the wrong side and do what he can there. "If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve." "If the Lord be God follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him."

That is the call. As it was of old so it is to-day. One thing or the other. Do be a man, wherever you are. God wants a man who chooses, and is ready to take the consequences of his choice

When the ascended Jesus wanted a man to be His apostle to the Gentiles, He did not pick out a man who had no opinions on the subject, and was doing nothing on either side. He picked Saul of Tarsus, who was hard at work on the opposite side, and He told him that He wanted him in His service as Paul the apostle. That shows God's estimate of a man who is ready to do all he can in behalf of what he sees to be the right.—*Sunday School Times*.

Christ built no church, wrote no book, left no money, erected no monuments. Yet show me ten square miles anywhere on earth, without Christianity, where the life of man and the purity of woman are respected, and I will give up Christianity.—*Sel.*